

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Diabetes is one of the worst diseases of our time; and,

WHEREAS, Diabetes is responsible for 150,000 deaths a year, is a major cause of heart disease, kidney disease and blindness; and,

WHEREAS, One out of three Native Americans suffer from this disease; and,

WHEREAS, 1,000 children are diagnosed as diabetics each month; and,

WHEREAS, Lack of knowledge and understanding of the disease causes unnecessary trauma to those afflicted; and,

WHEREAS, 35,000 South Dakotans currently suffer from diabetes, with nearly half of them being undiagnosed; and,

WHEREAS, It is important that South Dakotans are aware of the warning signs of diabetes which for Type I are irritability, nausea, extreme hunger, frequent urination and thirst, rapid weight loss, and for Type II are blurred vision, numbness in legs, feet and fingers, frequent skin infections, slow healing cuts and bruises, and drowsiness:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 1988 as

DIABETES MONTH

in South Dakota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-Fifth Day of October, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Eight

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Joyce Hazelstine
JOYCE HAZELSTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE